

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00PM Daniel O'Connor
- 8:00AM Maria (Luba) Piccini
- 10:00AM Margaret Rossi
- 12:00PM Fernanda della Rosa

MONDAY, JULY 2

- 8:00AM Rocco Suriano
- 11:30AM Nick S. Morin

TUESDAY, JULY 3

ST. THOMAS

- 8:00AM Giacomo Scrivanich
- 11:30AM Louis Barricella

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

- 9:00AM Lida Jadrosic

THURSDAY, JULY 5

ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA

- 8:00AM Martino Matesic
- 11:30AM Nicholas Sertich, Sr.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

ST. MARIA GORETTI

- 8:00AM Anna Wenderoth
- 11:30AM Vincent Libero

SATURDAY, JULY 7

- 11:30PM Nicholas Sertich, Sr.
Nicolina Mirkovich
Rosalie Menzella
Kenneth Fiargrieve
- 5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Sottile & Sariti
Families

SUNDAY, JULY 8

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00AM Stephen John Petruzzello
- 10:00AM Fernando DeBenedetto
- 12:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Mosca & Romano
Families

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
Joseph Lally

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Patrick McDermott

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
John Bucco

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Ez 2:2-5

The prophet is instructed to persist even when the message is rejected

Ps 123

Focus on God and ask for God's mercy

2 Cor 12:7-10

Weakness and suffering are transformed with God's grace

Mk 6:1-6

Fear and lack of faith prevents recognition of Jesus in our midst.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE JULY 1, 2018

My dear parishioners and friends,

In his second letter to the Christians in Corinth Paul exhorts the people to be generous in their support of their brothers and sisters in need. He doesn't suggest that they contribute from what they need to feed and clothe their own families, but from their abundance. He points to the generosity of Jesus who, though he was rich in God's grace and power, made himself poor for our sake and gave his very life's blood for our sake.

In the reading this week, Paul quotes a scripture passage from the Book of Exodus which we have in today's reading as: "Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less." Paul emphasizes that this practice of giving to others is for the sake of establishing a sense of "equality" among the members of Christ's Body, the Church. In a close-knit, small community like the Christian community in Corinth this idea of "equality" contributed greatly to the sense of belonging and mutual responsibility that characterized it.

Generosity was one of the hallmarks of the Corinthian church's evangelical mission. People could see the love that these Christians had for one another, and it made them think, "What do these people have that I don't have in my life? How can they be so loving and generous? What is going on in this community?" It is because of the witness of the Christians, in their generous love for one another, that so many more people wanted to join. Here's the simple formula: Generosity=witness to love=growth!

The quotation that Paul uses in his letter, as it appears in the Book of Exodus, follows on Moses' instruction to the people with regard to their gathering the Manna, the bread from heaven that God sent down to feed the people in the desert. Moses told the people to gather only what they needed for the day. It was meant as a test of their faith in God's promise that He would continue to provide for their needs: "Some gathered more and some gathered less, according to their needs, and none was left over." (Exodus 16:17-18) In the story from Exodus, whatever Manna was kept overnight (showing a lack of faith), that leftover Manna would turn rancid and full of worms so that it was not fit to eat. Here's another simple breakdown: Lack of faith=stinginess and greed=corruption!

The lesson that Paul was trying to teach to the Corinthian church is that they should live their lives and give generously to support the needy; because they can depend on God's providence to supply their needs and they, in turn, should care for the needy from their abundance.

The lesson we might learn from the story in Exodus is that when we withhold our support for others, or simply amass our personal wealth while ignoring the needs of others; that wealth becomes a source of corruption in our lives. We have a moral obligation to care for the needy, and we also need to be good stewards of what we have for the good of our own spiritual well-being. Generosity leads to both personal and corporate growth. But if we are stingy and greedy... well, let's not go there.

This week we are celebrating our National Independence Day holiday. While we believe that our country is the land of equal opportunity and that we promote the value of personal liberty, we must recognize that freedom is not the same as license to do whatever we want, to whomever we want, for whatever reason we may dream up! Our independence is tempered by the need to recognize that we are always responsible to one another, and that ultimately we are responsible to God. THAT was the understanding and spirit that inspired the founders of our great nation, to be ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL... not a nation of individuals seeking to fulfill their personal whims without regard for others or for the moral character of their lives.

*Fondly yours in Christ,
Fr. Bruce*

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here

June 24th

Sunday Collection

\$4,944.00

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." (2 Corinthians 8:14)

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ." We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.



BINGO

THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEGIN AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND WIN SOME MONEY AND HAVE FUN.

WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We wish to congratulate the following student who was awarded the William H. Cron High School Scholarship: Matthew McCarthy. Matthew will be attending St. Joseph's in Montvale. We wish him much success in his high school years.

We also wish to congratulate the following student who was awarded the William H. Cron College Scholarship: Caitlin McFadden. Caitlin will be attending The University of Tampa, Florida. We wish her much success as she pursues her career to be a mammal veterinarian.

WELCOME BACK

You will see a familiar face celebrating liturgy here at Epiphany. Our summer priest, Fr. Almas, has returned to us again. Please give him a hearty welcome. He will be here for the months of July and August. Welcome back Fr. Almas!

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CITIZENS

The following are the activities to be held at the Cliffs Park Senior Citizens: Concerts on the Patio – Friday, July 20th – Richie Ranno & Allstars (Rock); Friday – August 24th – Son Canelo (Latin); August 10th - River Lady River Boat Luncheon – Cruise on Toms River and Barnegat Bay - \$44. Vacation with the Seniors for 7 days and 6 nights at Mackinac Island, Michigan including Frankenmuth and The Upper Peninsula – September 15-21. Please call for more information – 201-943-3768.

PARENTING POINTERS

In reflecting back on parenting your children, remember that "You are responsible for the process in raising your children, not the outcome." *Parenting Your Adult Child* - Your Success or failure does not depend on theirs. Don't beat yourself up or take undue pride.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$31,850.00 in pledges from 133 families and have achieved approximately 99% of our goal. Epiphany will receive 62% of all funds received over our goal. Please be sure to honor your pledges. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Take a step toward staying healthy and active. Be smart and do more for your cardiovascular health. Life Line Screening will be at our parish on Monday, July 23rd. Package one includes plaque, vascular disease and heart rhythm screenings for \$139. Package 2 includes all of the above plus osteoporosis screening for only \$10 more - \$149. It's a savings of \$181. Life Line Screening has partnered with over 100 hospitals across the country and has conducted 8 million screenings since 1993. To register for these screenings and receive a \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wednesday is the Fourth of July, Independence Day. There will be only one mass at 9:00AM and the Rectory Office will be closed.

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

Eternal God, stir Thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world. Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Thy holy name and good of our Nation and of all mankind. Amen.

NEW ADDRESS FOR FR. JIM TUCKER

We wish Fr. Jim good luck as he ventures onto his new assignment in the Diocese of Meutchen. From June 30th – July 8th, Fr. Will be at St. Lawrence Church, 109 Laurence Parkway, Laurence Harbor, NJ 08879 – 732-566-1093. Beginning July 8th, Fr. Jim will be assigned at St. Mary's Church, 830 Fifth Avenue, Alpha, NJ 08865 – 908-454-0444.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, July 8th from 8:00AM-1:00PM, the Knights of Columbus Benedict XV Council will be sponsoring a Blood Drive to support the Community Blood Services of New Jersey. Blood will be taken in the "Blood Mobile" located in the Church Parking Lot and free refreshments will be served in the Church Hall. Donors must be in good general health and weigh at least 110lbs. Walk-Ins are always welcome. Why not come and donate life-saving blood to someone in need?

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday is the First Friday of the month. Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 8:30-11:15AM concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

For our parish to have accurate records, please notify the parish office when there are changes in your address or phone number. Please let us know if you are moving away and will no longer be members of our parish community. All adult Catholics should be registered in a parish. Young adults of working age should register independently of their parents. For Epiphany to testify for you to be a godparent, a confirmation sponsor or witness to a Catholic marriage it is necessary that you be a registered member of our parish. For additional information about this process, please call the parish office at 201-943-7320.

DON BOSCO PREP HOSTS HSPT TEST PREP PROGRAM

Don Bosco Prep is hosting its HSPT Test Prep Program this summer, open to all rising eighth grade students to help prepare for the high school entrance exam. Session I runs from Monday, July 9-Thursdays, July 12 and Monday, July 23-Thursdays, July 26 and Session II runs from Monday, July 16-Thursdays, July 19 and Monday, July 30-Thursdays, August 2. Program Tuition is \$500. For more information, please visit www.donboscoprep.org/admissions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Tammy Ledden, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina DeLuca, Renee Pascarella, Theodore Hoffman, Brother Peter Lyne, Rev. Giordano Belanich, Cora Shaffer, Helen Steinel, Ivan Tarabokia, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Paul Barbara, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Marie Maraia, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Eileen Palazzo, Florence Hoffman, Peter Foglio, Jr., Hilda Borrito, Paul Kiczek, Kenneth Crawford, Clyde Harger, Gloria Bonura, Cesar Valdecantos, Leonarda Zafra Santos, Michele Spino.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Marie Gagliardi.

**"THREE C'S IN LIFE –
CHOICES, CHANCES, CHANGES –
YOU MUST MAKE A CHOICE TO TAKE A
CHANCE OR YOUR LIFE WILL NEVER
CHANGE!"**

